Letters to the Editor

TV Monster

As a newcomer to this country and the mother of four school-going children, I was very interested in the recent school curriculum enquiry, but disappointed to note that no mention was made of the effect television is having on the education of American and Canadian school children.

It could be a wonderful method of teaching the young, but is at present a weakening influence, as quoted by a prominent American citizen at a conference in Kingston, New Jersey:

"This monster is sitting in the front room of American homes spewing out its venom with crippling and destroying effects. It has interfered with schooling, kept children from learning to read and write, weakened their eyesight, softened their muscles, aroused morbid emotions. It glorifies crime, causes juvenile crime, starts domestic quarrels, loosens morals and makes people lazy."

It is difficult to understand why a thinking progressive, civilized nation allows this evil influence on their children's lives to continue.

(Mrs.) BRYAN HINDSON.

2500 Sinclair Road.

Halt the Wage Hike

We, the members of the Vancouver Island Ratepayers' Association, Victoria branch, wish to express a strong protest to the mayor and city council of Victoria against this proposed increase in city taxes, because of a demand for higher wages of city employees.

According to the local newspapers there are 5,821 jobless in the city of Victoria. Now is the time to tell the city staff to work for their present pay or else look elsewhere for more wages.

The property owners are paying all they can afford. So be reasonable and call a halt to this wage hike, and ask the city employees to take a 5 per cent cut in pay.

H. WATSON, President.
J. N. MORRIS, Secretary.

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Opinion Repudiated

The members of Victoria Assembly No. 1, Native Sons of Canada, take this opportunity to advise your readers that Mr. Bernard Glaum of Toronto is not the vice-president of the Native Sons of Canada, and that his opinions or remarks regarding the forthcoming visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to her Kingdom of Canada were entirely his own and expressed without the authority of the national council (of which, it is understood, he is not a member) of the Native Sons of Canada.

It might interest your readers to learn that members of this society are pledged to uphold the constitution of Canada in which Her Majesty occupies a most important position; also, that this society (despite malicious rumors to the contrary) long ago, through its national council, declared its opinion that Canada should not secede from the Commonwealth nor seek union with the United States of America. However, they want a national flag to typify Canada's sovereignty.

ROBERT D. MacLACHLAN,
Secretary.

P.O. Box 903, Victoria.

Classic Approach Queried

Canada Asks Review Of Policy on Germany

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government has notified its NATO partners that the time has come for a searching review of allied policy on German unity and European security, it was learned Thursday night.

The Canadian views—representing an attitude rather than a plan—now are being quietly discussed in the NATO council in Paris, officials said.

The government's feeling, it is understood, is that the whole question of European security should be re-examined to determine whether it is really profitable to adhere to the classic Western approach to the problem, formulated under the different conditions of 10 years ago.

The standard policy, insisting on free elections as a precondition of German reunification, was drawn up in 1948-49 at the time of the Berlin blockade.

GISELE MACKENZIE
. . . complications

AUDREY HEPBURN
. . . broken ribs

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Names in the News

Gov. Almond Cools Radicals

RICHMOND, Va. — **Gov. J. Lindsay Almond** has emphatically rejected proposals by diehard segregationists making a last-minute try to head off token integration of several Virginia schools next week.

Almond's plan is based largely on a system of state tuition grants for students who wish to attend private schools. Segregationist legislators launched a move to try to override the governor with some last-ditch program to avert any integration.

Norfolk city council and school board have agreed to re-open six integration-closed schools Monday.

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NEW YORK — **Gisele Mackenzie**, 31, expecting a baby next July, was reported "resting comfortably" in hospital where she was under treatment for complications arising from her pregnancy.

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HOLLYWOOD — **Audrey Hepburn** has been injured in a fall from a horse on location near Durango, Mexico. She was reported to have suffered four broken ribs and a sprained leg.

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PORT ARTHUR, Ont. — **Cyrus Eaton** arrived here for a mine directors meeting. He said characteristic of U.S. foreign policy is a deadly hate of Communism and willingness to destroy the Western world and annihilate the people in their fanatical bitterness to everything the Soviet Union stands for.

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TORONTO — Surplus egg, skim milk, butter, hogs and wheat continue to be Canada's main agricultural problems, **Agriculture Minister Harkness** said Thursday.

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NAIROBI, Kenya — Native members of the Kenya legislative assembly here decided to boycott **Queen Mother Elizabeth's** tour of the colony, which starts next week.

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CAIRO—**Hassanein Heikal**, Cairo newspaper editor and personal friend of **President Nasser** has accused Soviet **Premier Khrushchev** of interfering in the affairs of the United Arab Republic.

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NEW YORK — **John D. Rockefeller Jr.** observed his 85th birthday yesterday. He passed the day quietly.

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VANCOUVER — Canada does not have the resources to compete in space travel and should stay out of that field, says **Dr. Gordon Shrum**, director of the B.C. Research Council.

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VANCOUVER — **Jack Horsman**, head of the nuclear engineering branch at Chalk River atomic plant, says electricity from a nuclear plant will be produced in Canada by 1965-66.

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VANCOUVER — **Lillian Lourmais**, wife of a French frogman who swam most of the 500 miles down the Fraser River, says she will attempt to duplicate her husband's historic swim.

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VANCOUVER — Salvation Army has been named recipient of $274,000 under terms of will of **Mrs. Katherine Fraser Watson**, 85, of Vancouver.

CPR, Unions Settle Dispute

Ferry Peace Assured

Black Ball Line Crews Expected to Follow Suit

VANCOUVER (CP)—Canadian Pacific Railway and three of its west coast ferry unions have settled a long-standing contract dispute. The settlement augurs peace in the troubled coast ferry industry for some 2½ years.

The settlement of the CPR contract was announced Thursday in a telegram from Eric Taylor, Toronto industrial consultant and federal mediator, to Labor Minister Starr, who read it to the Commons.

SEASON SAFE

Mr. Taylor said later that a post-midnight session with union and company negotiators had resulted in a contract that provides "most significantly, for an end to the threat of interruption in the coast steamship service until after the tourist season of 1961."

SECRET BALLOTS

All three unions—the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, the National Association of Marine Engineers and the Seafarers International Union — were reported preparing secret ballots on the agreement for a membership vote.

A Canadian Pacific spokesman said the agreement provides for three increases of 3 per cent each for the marine engineers and Merchant Service Guild, and increases of 4, 8 and 5 per cent each for the seafarers.

IN ADDITION

These would be in addition to an 8 per cent increase the unions got when the CPR coast fleet was placed under federal administration last July 25.

The settlement is expected to affect another troubled ferry line—Black Ball Ferries Limited.

A similar strike by Black Ball crews last summer resulted in the provincial government taking over the line temporarily under the Civil Defence Act and ordering men back to work.

UNDERSTANDING

Birger O. Tollefson, marine superintendent at Black Ball, said Thursday there was a tacit understanding with the three unions that any CPR settlement would form the basis for a settlement with his firm.

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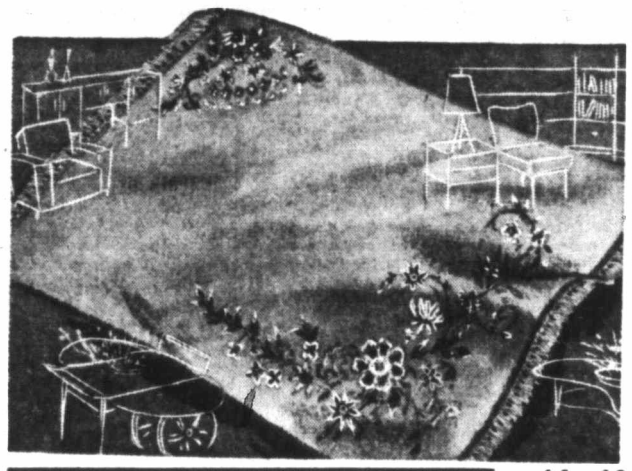

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